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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Notice of Proposed Rule Making, Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations

(Casper, Wyoming), MM Docket No. 98-59, RM-9256

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Citicasters Co. ("Citicasters"), please find enclosed an original and four copies of comments to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making referenced above. Please note, the attached declaration is a copy. The original signed declaration will be filed tomorrow under separate cover.

Please contact the undersigned with questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Citicasters Co.

cc: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau

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| Table of Allotments, |) | RM-9256 |
| FM Broadcast Stations |) | |
| (Casper, Wvoming) |) | |

COMMENTS OF CITICASTERS CO.

Citicasters Co. ("Citicasters"), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 1.415 of the Commission's Rules, hereby submits these comments 1/ in support of the proposal addressed by the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, DA 98-771 (released April 24, 1998), in the above-captioned proceeding ("Notice"). In the Notice, the Commission seeks comments on a proposal to allot three new FM stations on Channels 228C1, 243C1 and 263C1 at Casper, Wyoming, as the community's eighth, ninth, and tenth local commercial FM transmission services.

As demonstrated in the Technical Exhibits, Channels 228C1, 243C1 and 263C1 may be assigned to Casper, Wyoming, in full accordance with the

^{1/} Citicasters also incorporates, by reference, its prior pleading in this matter, notably the Petition for Rule Making and the Technical Exhibits in support of that Petition ("Technical Exhibits").

Commission's Rules and without any other alteration to the FM allocation table. Further, because the proposed allocations would provide Casper, Wyoming, with additional service, and contribute to the fair and efficient distribution of FM allocations, grant of the proposal would be in the public interest.

As noted in the initial Petition for Rule Making, and in the attached declaration, Citicasters is prepared to apply for the channels requested, if allotted, and, if awarded the permits, to promptly construct and operate such facilities. For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should grant the allotment of three new FM stations on Channels 228C1, 243C1 and 263C1, at Casper, Wyoming, as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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Declaration of David H. Crowl

I, David H. Crowl, declare as follows:

- 1. I am Senior Vice President of Citicasters Co. ("Citicasters").
- 2. Citicasters intends to apply for construction permits for new FM stations on Channels 228C1, 243C1 and 263C1 at Casper, Wyoming, upon adoption of the proposed rule making amending Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Casper, Wyoming).
- If awarded the construction permits for Channels 228C1, 243C1
 and 263C1, Citicasters will promptly construct and operate such facilities.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in this declaration are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

David H. Crowl

Executed this _____ day of June, 1998.

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